

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWNS .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALCONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :-

- (a) the quantity of foodgrains damaged in each State during the current year on account of inadequate storage capacity;
- (b) whether these States had increased their storage capacity by constructing more godowns and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether these States propose to increase the construction of more godowns in their State during the next two years and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a): The quantity of foodgrains accrued as non-issuable/damaged after salvaging/ segregation of the rain/flood affected stocks in open/CAP in FCI are as under:-

S. No.	Region	Quantity (in MTs)	Wheat	Rice	Total
1.	UttarPradesh	138.05	0	138.05	
2.	Rajasthan	8.56	0	8.56	
3.	Punjab	1.5	0	1.5	
4.	Maharashtra	18	1	19	
5.	Gujarat	280	0	280	
6.	West Bengal	21.70	0	21.70	
7.	Bihar	0	0.52	0.52	
	Total	467.81	1.52	469.33	

(b) & (c): During 11th five year plan (2007-12) the state wise capacity constructed by FCI is as follows:

2007-08	-	7500 MT- Assam
	-	4590 MT-Mizoram
	-	5000 MT - Karnataka

2008-09	-	2500 MT- Tripura
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2009-10	-	9170 MT-Orrisa
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To create additional storage capacity, the Government has formulated a scheme for construction of storage godowns through private entrepreneurs. Under the scheme, the Food Corporation of India would now give a guarantee of ten years for assured hiring. A capacity of about 150 lakh tonnes is to be created under the scheme through private entrepreneurs and Central and State Warehousing Corporations in 19 States. Out of the capacities sanctioned tenders have been invited in 15 States and so far offers have been received for 103 lakh tonnes. CWC and SWCs are constructing about 17 lakh tonnes on their own lands under the Scheme. Out of this, 0.97 lakh tonnes has already been completed and about 3.08 lakh tonnes would be completed by March, 2011. The capacities identified to be constructed under the scheme in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Maharashtra, Gujarat, West Bengal and Bihar are 26.81, 2.60, 51.25, 8.14, 3.52, 1.56 and 3.00 lakh tonnes respectively. Further, in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the Planning Commission has sanctioned Rs. 149 crores for construction of storage godowns by FCI and the State Governments to which funds are released as grants-in-aid. This would result in the construction of about 1.88 lakh tonnes of storage capacity. The General Managers (Region) of FCI have also been given full powers for hiring of private godowns for short term usage.